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Production of 2,515,000,000 eggs in November was 17 percent above the previous record November production (1941) and 61 percent above the 10-year (1931-40) November average. A record high production was reached in all parts of the country. Total egg production during the first 11 months of this year was the largest of record for the period in all parts of the country with the exception of the Western States where production was the highest since 1937. There were 372,736,000 layers in farm flocks, an increase of 12 percent from November 1941, and 23 percent above the 10-year average. Record numbers were reached in all parts of the country except the West, where the number of layers was the largest since 1931.

The rate of egg production during November set a new record high of 6.75 eggs per layer -- 4 percent above last year and 31 percent above the 10-year average. The rate reached a record high level in all parts of the country except the South Atlantic States, where it was exceeded only by the record of last year. Production per layer on hand during the 11 months of this year was 137 eggs, the largest of record -- 2 percent above last year and 12 percent above the 10-year average.

The average number of pullets not yet of laying age in farm flocks on December 1 was 23.8 birds, which is 2 percent below the record high number of a year ago. Present numbers of these potential layers are at a record level in the South Central and Western States but are below last year's record level in all other parts of the country. The decreased numbers of pullets to be added to the laying flock in the North and South Atlantic and the North Central States does not indicate that there will be fewer pullets in the laying flock this year but that a larger proportion of the pullets have already entered the laying flocks because of the earlier hatching season this year. On August 1 the number of pullets not yet of laying age was the largest of record in all parts of the country and on October 1 the number of all pullets was the largest of record in all areas except the South Atlantic States. It is to be expected, therefore, that there will be a record number of pullet layers in the farm laying flock by January 1. The number of potential layers on December 1, i.e., hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets not of laying age was 9 percent larger than a year ago.

Egg prices received by farmers in mid-November, 38.9 cents per dozen, were 10 percent higher than a year ago and 40 percent above the 10-year (1931-40) average. The United States price increased 1.5 cents per dozen during the month compared with a 10-year average increase of 3.3 cents.

The mid-November price of 19.6 cents per pound for chickens is an increase of 0.1 cents over the October price compared with an average decrease of 0.3 cents for the month. A year ago the price was 15.5 cents. The 10-year November average is 13.0 cents per pound.

The price of turkeys on November 15 was 27.0 cents per pound compared with 23.9 cents a month ago, 20.2 cents a year ago and 15.9 cents, the 10-year average.

The average cost of feed in a farm poultry ration on November 15 was \$1.61 per 100 pounds, which is 16 percent higher than a year ago and 49 percent above the 10-year average. The egg-feed price relationship on November 15 was less favorable than a year earlier and less favorable than the 10-year average.

The chicken-feed and turkey-feed ratios, on the contrary were considerably more favorable on November 15 than a year ago or the 10-year average -- the most favorable for the month since 1938 because prices did not make the usual seasonal decrease.

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EGG PRODUCTION NOVEMBER 1942

State	Number of layers on		Eggs per		Total eggs produced			
and	hand during November		100 layers		During November : Jan. to Nov. incl.			
Division:	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
	Thousands		Number		Millions			
Me.	1,841	2,100	1,110	1,164	20	24	272	293
N.H.	1,547	1,858	1,044	1,095	16	20	214	239
Vt.	738	894	1,032	963	8	9	116	127
Mass.	3,652	4,150	948	1,092	35	45	542	597
R.I.	420	439	1,164	1,242	5	5	66	67
Conn.	2,376	2,448	1,008	1,005	24	25	340	372
N.Y.	11,718	12,895	903	900	106	116	1,672	1,738
N.J.	5,062	5,428	1,161	1,185	59	64	755	824
Pa.	15,871	16,273	852	843	135	137	1,986	2,171
N. ATL.	43,275	46,485	943	957	408	445	5,963	6,428
Ohio	17,541	18,396	777	798	136	146	2,195	2,362
Ind.	11,650	13,008	747	774	87	101	1,439	1,621
Ill.	16,717	18,773	636	678	106	127	1,919	2,198
Mich.	9,866	10,470	690	744	68	78	1,241	1,322
Wis.	13,657	14,942	789	828	108	124	1,646	1,888
E. N. CENT.	69,431	75,494	727	763	505	576	8,440	9,391
Minn.	17,524	21,419	588	696	103	149	2,087	2,612
Iowa	24,320	27,122	552	612	134	166	2,800	3,416
Mo.	17,763	20,172	555	606	99	122	2,057	2,399
N. Dak.	3,583	4,465	354	399	13	18	386	494
S. Dak.	5,995	7,007	429	462	26	32	627	824
Nebr.	9,935	12,430	576	582	57	72	1,192	1,517
Kans.	12,790	15,093	588	594	75	90	1,481	1,801
W. N. CENT.	91,910	107,708	552	603	507	649	10,630	13,063
Del.	830	876	774	705	6	6	108	112
Md.	2,837	3,003	726	660	21	20	347	375
Va.	6,969	7,214	747	733	52	53	811	912
W. Va.	3,239	3,750	696	666	23	25	391	452
N.C.	7,078	8,065	468	468	33	38	679	791
S.C.	2,862	3,026	414	438	12	13	254	286
Ga.	5,288	6,231	408	426	22	27	486	594
Fla.	1,627	1,648	558	546	9	9	184	200
S. ATL.	30,800	33,213	578	565	178	191	3,260	3,722
Ky.	7,942	9,389	633	660	50	62	831	1,058
Tenn.	7,339	8,816	543	609	40	54	764	914
Ala.	5,632	6,248	450	450	25	28	507	606
Miss.	5,312	5,947	306	333	16	20	449	523
Ark.	6,136	7,136	348	366	21	26	573	671
La.	3,397	3,942	324	384	11	15	292	334
Okla.	9,993	11,548	540	588	54	68	1,041	1,264
Tex.	21,610	23,780	450	492	97	117	2,327	2,656
S. CENT.	67,361	76,806	466	508	314	390	6,784	8,028
Mont.	1,638	1,862	549	588	9	11	199	223
Idaho	1,949	2,010	672	618	13	12	232	251
Wyo.	606	698	582	552	4	4	75	86
Colo.	2,742	3,425	576	558	16	19	309	379
N. Mex.	872	931	486	468	4	4	103	106
Ariz.	474	522	948	846	4	4	57	66
Utah	1,922	1,969	801	744	15	15	262	286
Nev.	217	214	621	750	1	2	29	32
Wash.	5,330	5,464	978	882	52	48	803	810
Oreg.	2,906	3,187	900	888	26	28	409	436
Calif.	11,592	12,148	864	963	100	117	1,599	1,747
WEST.	30,248	32,430	807	814	244	264	4,077	4,417
U. S.	333,025	372,736	647	675	2,156	2,515	32,154	45,049

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